GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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NORMS TO FIX PRICES OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms fixed by the Government for calculating prices of medicines both in the controlled and decontrolled category under DPCO, 1995;

(b) the details of products alongwith their turnover where these norms have not been followed both in controlled and decontrolled category of drugs; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of the medicines available in the country are in tune with the declared norms of the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): Under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 1995) the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has notified norms for Conversion Cost, Packing Charges and Process Loss on 11th August, 2004 and for Packing Material norms on 19th August, 2004. These norms are applied by the NPPA while fixing/revising prices of the 74 bulk drugs mentioned in the First Schedule of the DPCO 1995 and formulations based thereon. For any violation of the price fixed/revised, action is taken under the provisions of the DPCO, 1995.

Under the provisions of the DPCO,1995 prices of both Scheduled and non-Scheduled formulations are printed as retail price not to exceed.....local taxes extra.